

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Russell and Audrey Hilton exchanged their wedding vows on August 17, 1956, at Lyman, Utah, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Russell and Audrey gave life and love to four children: LeEllen, Allyson, Sharon and Ronald who in turn have blessed their lives with 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Russell served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and as Sturgis Chief of Police and Audrey worked in the home caring for her children, often volunteering at church and schools; and,

Whereas, Russell and Audrey will be honored at an open house in Sturgis to celebrate their 50th Anniversary on July 1, 2006, as family and friends gather to share the memories of their married life, their dedication to the values of caring and sharing that helped make South Dakota a better place to live and work, and to commemorate this milestone in the lives of two of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 17, 2006, as

RUSSELL AND AUDREY HILTON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eight Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State